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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST ABOUT INCIDENTS AT SOVIET ESTABLISH-
MENTS

REF: (A) USUN 2956, (B) USUN 2845, (C) USUN 2898,
(D, STATE 143059

1. DURING JULY 20 CALL AT EUR/SOV, SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR
OFFICERS KAVALEROV AND PONOMAREV PRESENTED NOTE PROTESTING
AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ALLEGED FAILURE TO PROTECT SOVIET
ESTABLISHMENTS FROM DEMONSTRATIONS. NOTE SPECIFICALLY CITED
JULY 18 DEMONSTRATION AT AEROFLOT NEW YORK (REF A) AND
JULY 10 INCENDIARY DEVICE AT INTOURIST NEW YORK (REF B).

2. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS WERE GIVEN
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ADDITIONAL PROTECTION DURING AND AFTER TRIALS OF DISSIDENTS
IN USSR (REC C).

3. FULL TEXT OF SOVIET PROTEST NOTE FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT.
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE

FACT THAT, DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE EMBASSY TO PROTECT THE SOVIET MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND

SAN FRANCISCO FROM PROVOCATIONS AND HOOLIGANISMS BY ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOT TAKING PROPER MEASURES IN THIS RESPECT.

THE EMBASSY PROTESTED RECENTLY AGAINST PROVOCATIONS AT THE BUILDING OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE U.S.S.R. IN SAN FRANCISCO, AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS DIRECTLY AT THE EMBASSY BUILDING AND AGAINST AN EXPLOSION AT THE INTOURIST BUILDING IN NEW YORK.

ON JULY 18, 1978, A NEW ACT OF PROVOCATION TOOK PLACE AT THE AEROFLOT OFFICE IN NEW YORK. A GROUP OF FIVE HOOLIGANS BURST INTO THE PREMISES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICE, YELLED THREATS, PASTED PROVOCATIVE POSTERS AND LEAFLETS, AND DISRUPTED THE NORMAL COURSE OF WORK OF THE OFFICE. ALTHOUGH POLICE WERE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF THIS, THEY UNDERTOOK NO ACTION FOR A LONG TIME TO STOP THIS INTRUSION AND THUS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE HOOLIGANS TO COMMIT EXCESSES ON THE PREMISES OF THE AEROFLOT AGENCY FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY LODGES A RESOLUTE PROTEST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND AGAIN INSISTS THAT DUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEASURES BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO PROTECT OFFICIAL SOVIET AGENCIES FROM SUCH RAIDS.

THE EMBASSY ONCE MORE DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE IMPUNITY WITH WHICH SUCH ACTS OF HOSTILITY ARE PERPETRATED AGAINST OFFICIAL SOVIET AGENCIES IN THE U.S., WHICH CAN ONLY BE VIEWED AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS BY U.S. AUTHORITIES. END TEXT.

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